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SUBJECT: U.S. JAPAN JOINT PLANNING AND COORDINATION
COMMITTEE MEETING - AGENDA

REFERENCE:A.TOKYO 14519;B.STATE 200917;C.STATE 199877

1. HAVE SPOKEN WITH JAPANESE EMBASSY CONCERNING AGENDA FOR MEETING AND HAVE AGREED THAT INSTEAD OF DISTINGUISHING POLICY LEVEL DISCUSSION FROM US AND JAPANESE PRESENTATION WE WILL CALL ALL ITEMS TO BE COVERED DURING MEETING "DISCUSSION." DISCUSSIONS BEING ARRANGED IN FOLLOWING AREAS: TOXIC SUBSTANCES, IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY, ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT AND PERHAPS ONE OTHER TOPIC SHOULD THE JAPANESE WISH. DISCUSSIONS WILL CONSIST OF EPA GIVING PRESENTATION FOLLOWED BY JAPAN GIVING PRESENTATION AND THEN A SHORT QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION.

2. EPA FEELS STRONGLY THAT IRON AND STEEL DISCUSSIONS SHOULD
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REMAIN ON AGENDA. EPA HAS DISCUSSED ISSUE AT LENGTH WITH SHIRO ASANO, JAPANESE EMBASSY, AND HAS OUTLINED WHAT AREAS DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS UPON I.E. CONTROL TECHNOLOGY BEING USED IN IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY, EFFECTIVENESS OF TECHNOLOGY COSTS INCURRED IN POLLUTION CONTROL IN THIS AREA, PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH RETROFITTING EXISTING STEEL PLANTS, ETC. --

NO PROPRIETARY AREA WILL BE DISCUSSED. THE US WILL LEAD OFF DISCUSSIONS IN THIS AREA COVERING THESE TOPICS AND A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY IN THIS COUNTRY AND JAPANESE WILL FOLLOW WITH THEIR PRESENTATION. COSTLE, EPA ADMINISTRATOR, IS FOLLOWING THIS MATTER WITH GREAT INTEREST.

3. CONCERNING PARAGRAPH 10 REFERENCE A - AGENDA WILL BE REVISED TO ALLOW YAMADA TO GIVE OPENING REMARKS SOONER THAN ORIGINALLY PROPOSED.

SEPTEMBER 11

10:00 A.M. - WELCOME - T. PICKERING (FOLLOWS AGENDA OF FIRST JOINT MEETING - M. KRATZER OPENED MEETING)

OPENING REMARKS - B. BLUM, H. YAMADA
APPROVAL OF AGENDA, ETC. - B. BLUM

10:45 A.M. - COFFEE

11:15 A.M. - OPENING STATEMENTS - H. YAMADA, B. BLUM

12:00 - LUNCH - US HOSTED (PIER 7 RESTURANT)

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A. OVERALL REVIEW

B. PROJECT REVIEW

C. JAPANESE COMMENT ON PROJECT REPORT

D. JAPANESE COMMENTS ON 5 US PROPOSALS (EACH OF THE PROPOSED US CHAIRMAN FOR THESE AREAS WILL ATTEND)

E. MANAGEMENT OF AGREEMENT - (HERE WE WISH TO DISCUSS ESTABLISHMENT OF MECHANISM FOR ADDING AND DELETING PROJECTS. US - WISHES TO DELETE PROJECT ENTITLED - HEALTH EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS - THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTIVITY IN THIS AREA SINCE ITS CREATION AND US WOULD RECOMMEND THAT IT BE DELETED. PLEASE ADVISE MOFA OF OUR POSITION FOR THEIR COMMENT).

4:00 P.M. - CLOSE

6:30 P.M. - US RECEPTION TAYLOE HOUSE

SEPTEMBER 12

10:00 A.M. - DISCUSSIONS - TOXIC SUBSTANCES- US, JAPAN

11:15 A.M. - COFFEE

11:30 - TOXICS CONTINUED

12:15 - LUNCH

2:30 P.M. - DISCUSSIONS: IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRY
US, JAPAN

4:00 - DISCUSSIONS: ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT
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5:15 - CLOSE

6:30 - JAPANESE RECEPTION

SEPTEMBER 13

10:00 - DISCUSSION - OPEN (JAPANESE TO SELECT TOPIC)

11:00 - OTHER BUSINESS - JOINT COMMUNIQUE ETC.
ADJOURNMENT

4. PROGRAM FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL YAMADA ON SEPTEMBER 12
STILL BEING ARRANGED. SEPTEMBER 12, 11:00 COURTESY VISIT
C. WARREN (CEQ) - SEPTEMBER 13, 8:30 A.M. COURTESY CALL
D. COSTLE (EPA) WILL ADVISE EMBASSY OF ALL VISITS ONCE
AGREED UPON. CHRISTOPHER

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